



Awards Ceremony Held for Contest Winners



Contest winners (l-r), Cassy Graveley of Avon, Angela Salo, Columbia Falls and Wyatt Lytton, Polson display their outstanding works of art.

Angela Salo of Columbia Falls was this year's winner of the Category III, ages sixteen to eighteen, MDT Aeronautics' Division Aviation Art Contest. Angela a senior at Columbia Falls High School submitted a painting of a vintage bi-plane.

Avon Elementary School, Cassy Graveley, of Avon, a 7th grader, was this year's winner of Category II, ages eleven to fifteen. Cassy submitted a painting of a helicopter.

Wyatt Lytton of Polson, a 5th grader attending Valley View Elementary School, was the winner of Category I, ages six to ten, Wyatt submitted a drawing of an L-19 Bird Dog.

Contest winners; Angela, Cassy and Wyatt along with their parents attended an awards ceremony at the state's Capitol in Helena, on June 18. Montana Transportation Department, Director Jim Lynch presented all three winners with a trophy, ribbon and plaque and their posters each framed. Directly following the ceremony, Director Jim Lynch gave the group a first class, behind the scenes, tour of the Capitol which included a visit with the Lieutenant Governor. All winners and families were treated to lunch at the historic Windbag Saloon on Last Chance Gulch before returning home.

Mike Rogan and Jeanne MacPherson, MDT Aeronautics' pilots, flew the families to and from their hometown airports. That in itself was a highlight, northwestern Montana was in its spring splendor.

The contest sponsored by the Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division, is designed to promote students awareness of the importance of aviation.

Winning artwork is pictured on page 4 of the newsletter.



Director Lynch presents Angela Salo with a trophy, award and framed original of her artwork.

Administrator's Column

Reauthorization Update: The House Appropriations Committee has approved its version of the FY 2008 spending bill. Some of the key provisions approved include:

Airport Improvement Program: The bill includes good news on a number of airport priorities, including **\$3.6 billion** for AIP, \$850 million more than the Presidents request and \$85 million more than FY 2007. **FAA Facilities and Equipment:** Includes **\$2.515 billion** for the Facilities and Equipment (F&E) account, which funds air traffic control modernization programs and other key facilities and initiatives. **Cost-Free Space:** Once again, the bill includes a general provision prohibiting the FAA from requiring airports to provide space free of charge in airport-owned buildings. **Small Community Air Service Development Program:** **\$10 million** for the program funded through AIP the same as FY 2007. The bill would allow for the transfer of those funds to EAS in the unlikely event of a funding shortfall for that program. **Essential Air Service:** The bill provides **\$110 million for EAS** \$60 million above the Presidents request. If in the event there is a shortage of funds to maintain service to all communities currently served by the program the bill would allow for the transfer of up to \$10 million from the Small Community Air Service Development Program. **Contract Tower Program:** **\$103 million** for the Contract Tower Program and \$8.5 million for the Contract Tower Cost-Sharing Program. **Airport Cooperative Research Program:** **\$10 million** with the funds coming from AIP. **FAA Operations:** **\$8.716 billion** for FAA operations. **Trust Fund Share of FAA Budget:** The bill derives \$12.57 billion from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, covering roughly 85 percent of FAA costs. The general fund contribution is \$2.314 billion or roughly 15% of the agencies budget. **Research, Engineering and Development:** **\$140 million.** The Committee report does take issue with the Administrations proposal to move to user fees and issue bonds to finance ATC modernization. The bill now moves to the House floor. The Senate DOT appropriations subcommittee approved its version of the FY 2008 DOT spending bill and the full Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to consider the measure soon. Differences involve PFC charges; fuel tax rates; user fees; AIP funding levels and more. It is important that Congress reauthorize FAA programs, taxes, fees and charges before the end of FY 2007 (September 30, 2007). This will ensure no disruption to the aviation system.

Medical Certificates Extended? The FAA is proposing extension durations for medical certificates. First class medical: good for one year; third class medical: good for five years for pilots under the age of 40. AOPA has requested FAA conduct additional research to possible grant the extension to pilots over 40 as well.

Triple Ace Robin Olds Dies: Many of you probably remember Air Force Brig. Gen. Robin Olds was the keynote banquet speaker at the 2002 Montana Aviation Conference. Brig. Gen. Olds, a triple ace with victories in WWII and Vietnam, died last month at his home in Steamboat Springs, CO. He did things his way, including growing a handlebar mustache. Flying Lockheed P-38 Lightnings and North American P-51 Mustangs, he shot down 12 aircraft in WWII. He shot down four more aircraft in Vietnam flying a McDonnell-Douglas F-4 Phantom. Brig. Gen. Olds was a colorful gentleman. Montana was fortunate to welcome him to Bozeman in 2002.

Dreamliners: The Boeing Company unveiled the first of its 787 Dreamliners at the company's widebody assembly plant recently. The first test flight is expected to take place between late August and September. The plane is set to enter commercial service next May after Japan's All Nippon Airways receives the first of its 50 Dreamliners. The 787 debuting is the first of six flight-test airplanes, while two other planes will be used for static and fatigue tests. The ninth plane off the assembly line will be the first one delivered to All Nippon Airways. This is quite the impressive aircraft, check it out at: <http://www.newairplane.com/>



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Calendar

July 20-22 – Staggerwing Fly In, Seeley Lake Airport (23S). For further information slk32190@blackfoot.net

July 20-22 – Schafer Meadows Work Session.

July 21 - EAA breakfast at Stevensville Airport, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For further information contact Steve Rossiter at SteveRossiterMT@aol.com. This event will be held every third Saturday from April through October.

July 28-29—Bozeman Air Show featuring the Blue Angels along with MiG Fury Fighters, World Parabolic Swoop Team, Greg Poe, Kent Pietsch and Jim Pietz. www.blueangelsinthebigsky.com.

July 29 – St. Ignatius Fly In breakfast 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Free (will accept donations). Will be giving away 60-80 gallons of AV-Gas, plus drawings for prizes. Young Eagle Flights. For further information contact Steve Allard (406) 745-0500 or steve@allardauctions.com.

August 2-4 – Montana Antique Airplane Association Three Forks Fly In. Wilsall breakfast will be Saturday morning the 4th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. For further information contact Bud Hall (406) 580-5615 or Steve and Cindy Kleimer at (406) 586-2307; sckleimer@aol.com.

August 5 – Hysham Airport Dedication. Pancake Breakfast at 7:00 a.m.; spot landing, flour bombing. For further information Bob Miller (406) 342-5252 or email bpmiller@rangeweb.net.

August 6-7 – Aviation Career Academy (ACE) Camp for high school students. For further information contact Jeanne MacPherson (406) 444-2506 email jemacpherson@mt.gov or visit www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/.

August 11-12 – Winifred Fly In and Backcountry Fly Out. For further information contact Ralph Rogers (406) 462-5487.

August 17-19 – 6th Annual Montana Fun Weekend, Cut Bank Airport. <http://cutbankairport.org/>

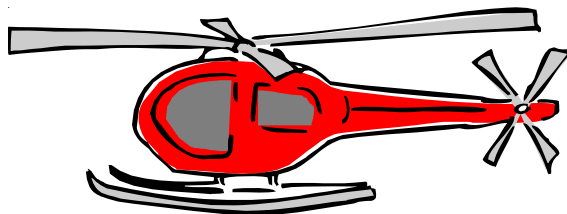
August 18 – Polson Fly In. Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Lunch noon to 2:00 p.m.. and concessions all day. Soroptimist's Wine Festival 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.. Sponsored by Mission Valley EAA chapter 122 and Mission Valley Hangar, Montana Pilot's Association.

August 22 – Open House Browning Airport. For further information phone (406) 444-2506.

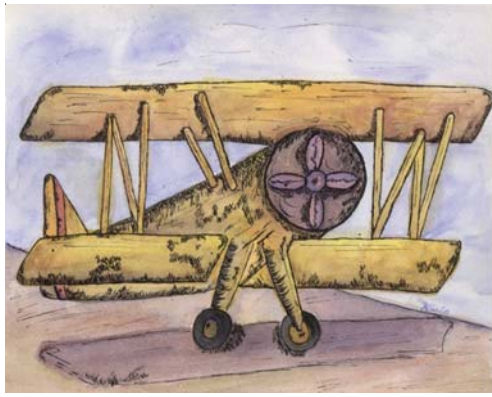
September 7-9 – Mountain Search Pilot Clinic, Helena. For further information contact Jeanne MacPherson at (406) 444-2506, email jemacpherson@mt.gov or visit www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/.

January 18-20, 2008 – Winter Survival Clinic, Helena. For further information contact Jeanne MacPherson at (406) 444-2506, email jemacpherson@mt.gov.

February 1-2, 2008 – Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, Helena. For further information contact Jeanne MacPherson at (406) 444-2506, email jemacpherson@mt.gov.



2007 Winning Artwork



Flying First – Category III – Angela Salo, Columbia Falls



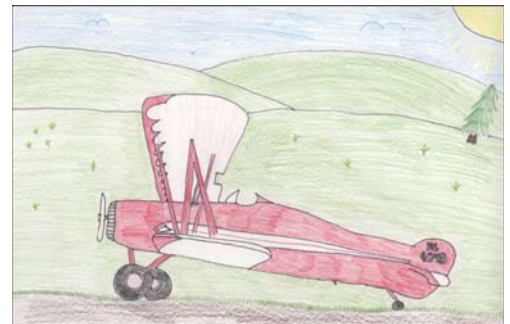
Flying First – Category II – Cassy Graveley, Avon



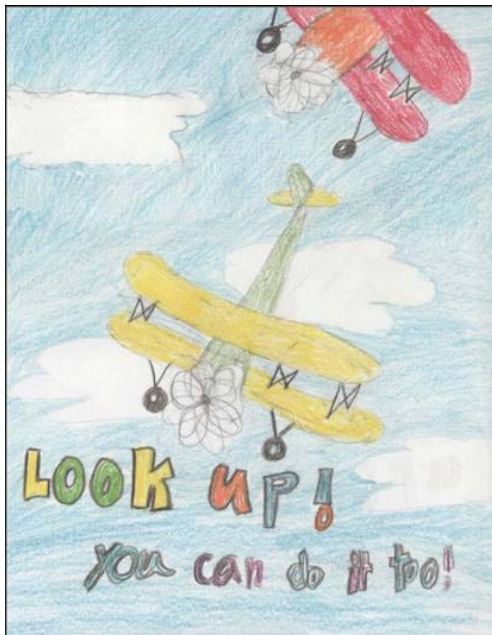
Flying First – Category I – Wyatt Lytton, Polson



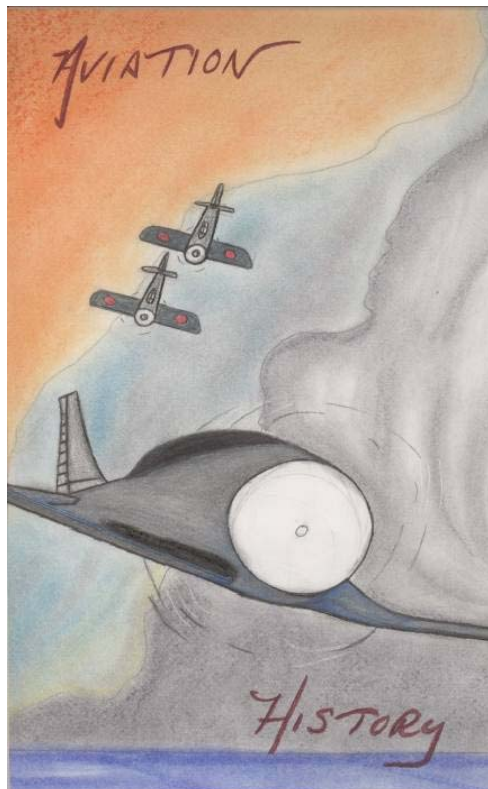
Flying Second – Category III – Matt Lindberg, Fairfield



Flying Second – Category II – Susanne Stewart, Chester



Flying Second – Category I – Wilson Vogt, Bigfork



Flying Third – Category III – Eli Bush, Lewistown



Flying Third – Category II – Kaitlin Hiniker, Missoula



Flying Third – Category I – Shania Raymond, Plains

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all that participated in the 2007 Aviation Awareness Art contest!

Where are those Aviation Students Now?



Amy (Woody) Stocki remembers very clearly a flight with her friend, Sam Kreidel, in his Long-EZ (a popular Rutan-designed homebuilt airplane) over Glacier Park. Amy was at the controls, they banked left, and Amy looked down to see a clear, beautiful, turquoise glacial lake. That is part of how it all got started.

“That was about 14 years ago, and luckily for me, I still get those moments from time to time. Recently, on a visual approach, at night, into New York’s La Guardia Airport, I was cleared down to 2000 feet and told to follow the Hudson River north. I found myself doing 200 kts, right next to the New York City skyline and looking across to Manhattan’s Time Square. Though it’s not the adventure of Montana flying, there are definitely still moments that take my breath away. It didn’t occur to me to pursue flying as a career until after I had my private license. I was looking at various universities that had good English programs when someone at the airport mentioned that they also have good schools with aviation programs right here in Montana. All at once, I realized that I could do for a

living what I did for fun. I then put my application in with Rocky Mountain College and never thought twice about it again.”

Amy’s passion was fueled by the entire Polson aviation community. When Amy was in High School her family owned and operated an FBO at the Polson Airport. Amy spent after school time pumping fuel, washing airplanes, and begging for rides.

Amy earned her wings and flew off to Rocky Mountain College, where she became a superior pilot, navigator and instructor. She worked very hard to maintain her knowledge and efficiency. Now, Amy flies as a Captain for US Airlines based out of Philadelphia on a Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ).

It is hard to keep track of all the scholarships and awards Amy has received along the way but, here goes; Norman C. Eberhardt Memorial 1996, Montana 99’s 1996, RMC Freshman of the year 1997, Parrot Family Scholarship 1997, Knights Templar Education Scholarship 1997, Security State Bank & Trust Scholarship 1997, Aviation Organizations of Montana 1997, Yellowstone Valley Scholarship 1997, 1998 & 1999, MT Junior Pilot of the year 1998, Hamwey Scholarship 1998 & 1999, Zonta Book Scholarship 1998, 1999, 2000 & 2001, Haynes Foundation Scholarship 1999, RMC Scholarship 1999, Bieber Scholarship 2000 & 2001 and the RMC Senior of the year in 2001.

Tim and Karen Moran shared this about Amy, “If every young woman showed her determination to achieve their goals, there would be no limit to the things that women of the world could accomplish. She is dedicated, resourceful, energetic, smart, determined and an outstanding example of what one can achieve if they set their minds and spirit to achieving their goals. Karen and I are lucky to have her as a Daughter.”

“Give my best to that Montana sky! Do you know how lucky you are, out there, with all those airplanes, and those wonderful Montana people?” All the best, from, Amy.

Mountain Search Training Offered

The MDT Aeronautics Division is inviting thirty registered volunteer search pilots to attend the 29th annual Mountain Search Pilot Clinic. A limited number of pilots who have completed the Mountain Search Pilot Clinic in the years of 1979-2005 will be accepted for refresher training.

The clinic ground school and the flight training operations will headquarter at the Helena Airport September 7 - 9, 2007. The clinic will kickoff on Friday, September 7, 2007 at 1900 with a ground school at the Wingate Inn. Any interested person is invited to attend the ground school sessions.

A total of two hours dual flight instruction in mountain search flying techniques will be provided on Saturday and Sunday in mountainous terrain. Instruction and operation of ELT direction finders and outdoor survival instruction will be provided Saturday and Sunday. Pilots will be scheduled for these sessions while awaiting flight-training schedules. The ground school will continue on Saturday evening at 1900 at the Wingate Inn.

The clinic is very fast paced and intense. The sessions will run from 0630 to 2300. The registration fee to attend the clinic is \$75.00. Lodging for the nights of September 7 & 8 will be the responsibility of the participants. A block of double rooms (2 beds/2 persons) has been reserved at the Wingate Inn.

For more information please feel free to contact MDT Aeronautics Division (406) 444-2506.

Volunteers Keep Back Country Strips in Tip Top Shape

The Spotted Bear and Meadow Creek work sessions were both well attended. About a dozen planes flew in to Spotted Bear to work and a few others drove up and camped out. Volunteers rolled the runway, changed the windsocks, and cut up some trees along the sides that had blown down. They also cleaned out the storage shed and put a fresh coat of paint on it. Workers also painted the inside and the outside of the outhouse. To finish off the day, a steak dinner was prepared for the hungry volunteers contributed by the Montana Pilots Association Flathead Hangar.

A lot of planes also showed up in Meadow Creek to help work with a few staying on for some weekend camping. Volunteers worked hard on cutting up blow down trees from within the campground and along the edges of the runway. They also used the weed eater around the tie downs and the center circle. Chuck Manning gets the weed eater award for spending the whole day cutting down tall grass and brush that had grown up along the whole extended runway area. Others cut brush along the runway. The kids offered assistance by hauling dirt over to cover up the tire around the new sign in box to help it blend in nicer. After all work was complete a delicious meal of steak, potatoes, and salad was provided by Flathead Chapter EAA club. Thank you to all that participated in these important work sessions and enjoyed a great weekend.



The girls chipped in and painted the inside and the outside of the outhouse.



People of all ages show up and help out at the work session – after a day of hauling dirt a campfire hot dog hit the spot!



Ed Ethridge likes Tabasco Sauce so much; he injects his hot dogs with it.



Volunteers clean up trees that had blown down along the edges of the runway.

Where is Frances now?

On June 13 Yellowstone Airport had the great privilege and distinction of being chosen by the West Yellowstone Economic Development Council, (WYED) as the first home of the roving Painted Buffalo “Frances.” WYED commissioned various artists to paint each of the 26 fiberglass Buffalo in various unique themes. The first 25 Painted Buffalo are at their respective sponsored locations in the West Yellowstone area. The artists of the first 25 collaborated to create “Frances,” the last and most unique of the painted fiberglass buffalo on display.

For those flying to WYS or just visiting the area and wanting to have some fun there is a treasure hunt involved. A Treasure Trail Map is available at the various sponsors and the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce. Anyone can follow the map, answer questions about the painted buffalo, and redeem their answers for special discounts and prizes from participating merchants. What a deal, I’ll give you the first clue, Frances moves locations every 2 weeks, so unfortunately you’ll have to look for it as it departed the Yellowstone Airport last week.

The painted buffalo will be on display for the next three years. There is also some really cool Buffalo Roam merchandise on display at various retail locations. Note to potential buyers, there is an authorized Buffalo Roam retail merchant decal in use for the project to authenticate the merchandise.

The Painted Buffalo Roam Project is sponsored by the West Yellowstone Economic Development Council, Inc. (WYED).for more information about the project log on to www.wyed.org. We are looking forward to seeing some treasure hunters with wings at the Yellowstone Airport this summer. Stop in and tell us how the search is panning out for you.



Check for TFRs



Yellowstone Airport Manager Tony Bean snapped this photo of the recent Madison Arm fire, which burned an area immediately adjacent to the Yellowstone Airport. Because of the quick response of the on-field USFS tanker base and heli-attack, the fire was quickly contained and posed no threat to the airport. Please remember to check for TFRs before flying cross country and stay away from burning areas to avoid airspace conflicts.

Townsend Flight Festival Attracts Record Numbers

On a beautiful July 4th morning, the Townsend Flight Festival kicked off with the Fiesta breakfast hosted by Karen and Neil Salmi, record crowds attended and the entire breakfast menu items were depleted by 9:00 am!

Over 60 airplanes were counted throughout the morning, antique aircraft, experimental aircraft, homebuilt aircraft and a helicopter colorfully filled all the ramp space available at the Townsend airport.

Children with parents in- tow, lined up to take a young eagles flight with the local EAA Chapter Young Eagle pilots. Many of the children had participated in a ground school presentation "Fun with Flight" at the Townsend Library earlier that week. The presentation lead by Jeanne MacPherson and Karen Salmi helped fuel the passion of flight and the Young Eagle flights were definitely the high points!



EAA Member Lance Seaman gave Young Eagle rides, pictured here with two of the happy participants!

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